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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH AID GROUP MEETING - DONOR PLEDGES

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1. COMPARISON OF FINAL EDITED TRANSCRIPT PROCEEDINGS AID GROUP
MEETING WITH REFTEL ON DONOR PLEDGES, REVEALS NUMBER OF DISCREP-
ANCIES OR AMPLIFICATIONS WHICH WORTHY OF NOTE.

A. BELGIUM- ACCORDING TO TRANSCRIPT BELGIAN DELEGATE PLEDGED 1,325
TONS OF WHEAT COSTING FR. 11 MILLION, NOT 17,500 TONS AS RE-
PORTED INDEPENDENTLY BY EEC REPRESENTATIVE. FR. 50 MILLION DEVE-
LOPMENT LOAN IS FIRST TO BE GRANTED.

B. CANADA- OF TOTAL QUANTITY OF NEW FOOD AID CITED, \$25 MILLION
ALREADY COMMITTED FROM FY 74 FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO UN APPEALS-
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\$13 MILLION IN WHEAT, \$7 MILLION IN OIL SEED. NOW ADDITIONAL \$5 MILLION PLEDGED FROM FY 74 FUNDS FOR TOTAL OF \$30 MILLION, NOT \$35 MILLION AS GIVEN IN REFTEL.

C. DENMARK- LOAN TERM OF 35 YEARS IS ALSO IMPORVEMENT FROM PAST, WHEN TERM WAS 25 YEARS. IMPORVEMENT ALREADY REPORTED IN LENGTHENED GRACE PERIOD, TO 10 YEARS FROM 7 IN THE PAST.

D. ITALY- NO MENTION IS MADE IN REFTEL OF ITALY'S POSITION ON DEBT. ACCORDING TO TRANSCRIPT, IN THE MARCH 31 MEETING DELEGATE REFERRED TO " PRELIMINARY POINTS ARISING FROM RECENT EVENTS... 2#8:# SHOULD BE CLARIFIED... TO MUTUAL SATIS-FACTION" (I. E., DEBT).

E. JAPAN- TERMS ON DEFERRED PAYMENT RICE NOT SPECIFIED. HOWEVER, ACCORDINGTTO TOKYO 1543, THEY WILL PROBABLY BE 30 YEARS, INCLUDING 10 YEARS GRACE AT 2 PERCENT DURING GRACE PERIOD, 3 PCT THEREAFTER. 390 MILLION YEN GRANT IS DESCRIBED AS " FINANCIAL" ASSISTANCE, NOT AGRICULTURAL, AS JAPANESE SECOND SECRETARY KANEKO HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD EMBOFF, CITING POSSIBLE AID IN THE TUBEWELL FIELD. 240 MILLION YEN GRANT (VALUED IN TRANSCRIPT AT \$.9 MILLION RATHER THAN \$1 MILLION) IS LINKED TO " TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE," WHEREAS IN MEETING, JAPANESE DELEGATE CLEARLY MENTIONED SURVEY OF JAMUNA BRIDGE- (PROJECT JAPANESE ARE NOT AT ALL HAPPY TO HAVE GOTTEN INVOLVED IN.

F. NORWAY- TOTAL GRANT FOR NONFOOD AID OVER FOUR YEARS SHOULD READ 185 MILLION KRONE, NOT 180.

G. SWEDEN- PLEDGE FOR NONFOOD AID FOR FY 74 WAS 75 MILLION KRONES NOT 73. IT WILL COVER FOUR CATEGORIES OF ASSISTANCE: FINANCIAL, SECTOR, COMMODITY INCLUDING JOINT FINANCING WITH WORLD BANK, AND TA.

H. UK- UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT OF PROJECT AID IS TO BE " OF SEVERAL MILLION POUNDS STERLING."

2. DEPT REQUESTED TO DISTRIBUTE TO OTHER POSTS AS DONE WITH REFTEL. FULLER UNQUOTE ROGERS

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